

FIREMAN BURNED FATALLY RESULT DUST EXPLOSION

Jacobs Simon, Employee Sash and Door Works, Carries Lantern Into Shavings Bin.

PROBABLY KILLED INSTANTLY

Body Is Recovered Hour and Half After Accident—City Hose Companies Summoned.

Jacobs Simon, 30 years of age, night fireman at the Rock Island Sash and Door works, met a horrible fate at 12:30 this morning when he was burned to death in a sawdust bin at the plant. Against orders of the firm, it is claimed, Simon had walked into the bin, presumably to loosen a quantity of wood shavings which had become arched high up in the holder. He set a ladder against the wall and climbed up, carrying a lantern with him. There was a flash of flame, the sawdust collapsed and he was completely buried in the burning shavings and his burned body was not recovered until 2 o'clock, one hour and a half after the mishap occurred, following valiant efforts on the part of the city firemen, who had been summoned at 12:35 to extinguish the blaze.

Coroner R. C. Meyer was notified at once. The charred remains were removed to Wheelan's undertaking parlors and an inquest is being conducted there this afternoon.

No one witnessed the accident, as Simon was alone when he entered the bin. The sawdust bin, otherwise known as the waste bin, is constructed entirely of metal, three stories in height, and is located just east of the boiler room, to the north of the main plant. It is properly equipped with ample ventilating devices to prevent explosions, as were common in the old style bins. It was Simon's duty last night to burn up the shavings which had accumulated in the bin during the day. The firemen at the plant had been warned not to enter the bin because of the danger of fire from dust, which is as inflammable as gunpowder, and also danger of the sawdust arches collapsing.

Will Remain Mystery. No one as yet has been able to explain what caused the fire and no one probably will be able to clear up this part of the accident in the future. Charles Esplin, general manager of the plant, stated that he had made an exhaustive examination of the bin today, but was unable to reach any conclusion as to the probable cause of the fire.

The dust was ignited either by the rush of air, when Simon opened the door leading to the bin, or was ignited by the lantern he was carrying when he entered. There was only about three feet of sawdust on the floor of the bin and Simon walked across this to the opposite wall and placed his ladder. He then climbed up to the top and as he reached this point the flame of fire shot across the bin, releasing the shavings sticking further up in the bin. He was then completely

ly submerged in the burning sawdust. Another night fireman, known as "Jake," saw Simon enter the bin. When he saw the flame shoot out of the door he ran to the bin and called for Simon to come out. Receiving no answer, he notified the night watchman, who turned in the alarm.

When the city firemen arrived the flames had crept around on top of the sawdust and burned fiercely and the hose men were unable to enter or to attempt any rescue of the unfortunate man until the flames were put out.

Two lines of hose were laid, and after many thousand gallons of water had been poured onto the smoldering shavings the rescuers were able to enter, and they commenced digging in the pile to recover the body. The bottom of the ladder Simon had placed against the wall was finally discovered. By sawing off parts of the ladder at a time, the firemen finally located the charred body.

The minute the sawdust collapsed Simon was pinioned against the wall in the position at the top of the ladder. His face and upper part of his body were badly burned, showing that he had received full force of the flame, and death was probably almost instantaneous.

The steel bin in which Simon met his death is still in course of construction, and now being equipped with a suction system to carry the shavings from the bin into the boiler room. Under this plan the firemen will not have to enter the bin, as it will be emptied automatically.

Leaves Wife and Children. Simon was a native of Belgium and had lived in this city several years on Eighteenth avenue near Thirty-first street. He had been employed at the Sash and Door works plant about a year, and was one of the most capable firemen the company has ever had and was known to be careful. He leaves his wife and three children, and two brothers and three sister in Belgium.

MATIS IS ASSAULTED AND 2 RINGS STOLEN

Jimmie Matis, porter at the Moline Elks' club, was found unconscious on the sidewalk near Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue, Moline, Thursday evening, and when Jimmie first regained consciousness he thought he must have slipped and fallen on the walk. But when Jimmie discovered that two diamond set rings and \$2.40 in cash had disappeared, he began to suspect that he had been slugged by a robber. Police agree with Jimmie's newest theory of the reason for his lapse into unconsciousness, as they think he would remember something of the incident had he accidentally fallen to the walk.

PERSONAL POINTS

Nels Anderson, state's attorney of Henry county, was in the city today on legal business.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Martin Head, said to be a transient, was brought into county court this morning to be examined as to his sanity. The medical commission, composed of Dr. A. E. Williams and Dr. B. J. Lachner, examined the petitioner, but filed no report, as Judge N. A. Larson continued the hearing until Monday morning in an attempt to have authorities in North Dakota, where Mr. Head is said to have his home, care for the patient.

Judge W. T. Church this morning heard arguments in the habeas corpus case brought by Janus Brusso, Moline, against Sheriff George H. Richmond, in an attempt to release the plaintiff who is held under bonds for failure to pay alimony to his wife, Mrs. Maude Brusso, as ordered by Judge G. O. Dietz, Moline. G. W. Wood and P. R. Ingelson are counsel for the husband, Ray Whitehead for the wife, and State's Attorney F. E. Thompson for Sheriff Richmond. It is the contention of the plaintiff that as his divorce case was not returnable until the February term of the Moline city court, Judge Dietz had no jurisdiction of the matter until then and had no authority to issue an order directing temporary alimony until the term of court to which the suit was returnable. Judge Church continued the matter until next Saturday.

Fined for Assault. Fines of \$3 and costs were assessed upon William Thompson and Leon Irwin in police court on charges of having assaulted William Garrity, a bellboy at the New Harper house, yesterday.

To Investigate Pension Laws. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 22.—The international executive board of the United Mineworkers of America was instructed to investigate the subject of old age pension laws with the object of having either a federal act passed by congress or having the states enact such laws, at the meeting today.

Bavarian King Visits Troops. Berlin, Jan. 22.—King Ludwig of Bavaria, says the Overseas News agency, has just paid a visit to the Bavarian troops on the west front. Addressing the territorials in the occupied French district, his majesty "praised their correct demeanor toward the inhabitants and told them always to remember their military discipline and morale."

Des Moines Actions Upheld. Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 22.—The state supreme court today ruled that the Des Moines municipal court bill was legally adopted in the recent special election. The legality of the street car franchise awarded the Des Moines city railway was also upheld.

GREEN RIVER IS A SWOLLENSTREAM

Rainfall and Melting of Snow Causes Water to Overflow Banks—Work to Save Bridges.

Geneseo, Jan. 22.—As a result of the heavy rainfall of Thursday night and subsequent melting of snow, Green river is out of its banks, and the road was closed to traffic all Friday.

FREIGHT STEAMER REPORTED ON FIRE

New York, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian freight steamer Sygna, which left here yesterday for Archangel, Russia, returned early today with a fire in her hold and anchored off the quarantine station. Using the Morse signal lights, her captain, passed a message ashore saying there was a fire in the Sygna's No. 1 hold and asking for assistance. About two hours later the fire boat Mayor Gaynor arrived alongside the Sygna and began to fight the fire. Apparently the fire was still under hatches for there was no sign of flames or smoke to be seen from quarantine while the burning vessel was awaiting the arrival of the fire boat. The Sygna is believed to be loaded with war munitions and supplies for Russia. The steamer belongs in Bergen, Norway, and is of 3,881 tonnage. She was built in 1907 and is owned by J. L. Mowinkel.

Terms Rumor Mere Illusion. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22.—W. Morgan Shuster, former Philippine

PREPAREDNESS AGAINST WAR AND FIERCE FOREIGN COMPETITION IS URGED BY BURTON

BY THEODORE BURTON.

Probably no question is of greater interest to the American people today than what we are to expect after the signing of the treaty of peace which shall end the frightful war now devastating so much of the remainder of the world. This contest is so exceptional in its magnitude, in its horrors and in the numbers of people endangered that no one can tell with certainty what may ensue after its termination. But certain things seem probable and to those we should give proper thought.

First of all, in view of the frightful possibilities of the future, we should give immediate attention to the question of national preparedness so that we may be in a position to defend our borders and our honor and dignity as a nation under any and all circumstances. By this I do not mean that we shall assume a policy of defiant aggression and prepare for conquest, but rather that we should be ready for our own proper defense. For it is possible that after the termination of the war military efficiency and preparedness may become the great issue of the day in all nations. We may hear less of individual rights and privileges and more of duties and responsibilities.

Moreover we must look for the most radical changes in international business and commercial relations. The financial resources of the European nations are already greatly depleted and by the end of the war are likely to be exhausted. In the past a great deal of the capital which has been expended for the development of this country has been derived from Europe. This capital, or so much as may be left of it, will be engaged in repairing the waste and losses of the war. We must therefore be prepared to finance developments in this country with American capital. Also there will be sold in this country enormous quantities of our securities which hitherto have been held in Europe. Indeed this very thing has been going on for several months.

The demands for our products, and therefore our prosperity, are responsive to the requirements of war. Our exports of commodities not needed for military purposes have experienced a market decline. With the termination of the war there will be an almost immediate cessation of these abnormal demands upon us. We shall then return to a more level condition of trade and business life. And with this we may expect a period of industrial uncertainty. And for this period I urge that our manufacturers prepare by the cultivation of new markets in the less developed sections of the world.

Moreover, after the termination of the war the United States will obviously occupy a more important position in the world's financial market than ever before. It may be said that with an enormous balance of trade in our favor, with huge gold imports and an immense amount of money such as we now have, we will have an abundance of capital. But as soon as the war ends foreign countries will come to our financial centers seeking loans. We will have the money so essential to their rehabilitation. The center of the world's finance, which once dwelt at Venice, and later at Amsterdam, and then for hundreds of years at London, will no doubt be transferred to our own shores to New York city. In all probability rates of interest will rise and we shall become the creditor nation of the world. But while the demoralized conditions which will certainly prevail in Europe after the close of the war will

commissioner and later treasurer, general of Persia, was to sail from here today for the Orient. He said he was on his way to the Philippines for a vacation, and he termed reports that he was going to the Orient on a mission for President Wilson, "a mere illusion."

QUICKNESS SAVES A MOLINE DOCTOR

Dr. H. E. Beck Avoids Being Run Down by Rock Island Train By Making Rapid Turn.

But for his presence of mind and a quick turn of his automobile, Dr. H. E. Beck of Moline would have been run down by a westbound freight train of the Rock Island road at the Fifteenth street railway crossing in Moline last evening.

The doctor was driving south on Fifteenth shortly before 6 o'clock. The gates were up, he says, and he proceeded across the Burlington tracks. As he approached the west main track of the Rock Island road he saw an engine, going at fair speed, bearing upon him. The distance was too short to permit of stopping and the doctor swung his car sharply to the west, barely clearing the rails. As the engine thundered by it grazed the fender of the automobile.

City Briefs

Buy a home of Reidy Bros. Tri-City Towel Supply company. For express, call William Trefz. Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Lambrecht, 848 Twenty-first street, are the parents of a nine-pound son born yesterday.



Theodore Burton.

offer our country new opportunities it will with them impose new responsibilities.

The resources of the European nations will be so entirely depleted that those countries will buy less and sell more than in the past. In that way we shall lose a large number of our best customers who have in the years past been consuming vast quantities of our exports. Thus there will be radical changes in the business world. Added to the actual physical losses caused by the ravages of the war, the people of Europe are likely to be crushed under added burdens of taxation, for the war is being conducted largely upon borrowed capital and future generations must pay the bills as they become due, because no country can or will dare to repudiate its debt no matter how stupendous.

If their resources will permit, of course these countries after the war will buy of us materials for their rehabilitation and also many classes of raw materials to be used in manufacturing. But, like a bankrupt firm, they will sell their wares at any sacrifice in the markets of the world and we must be prepared to meet such manner of competition.

We may expect fiercer competition then ever before, partly from stocks of goods which have accumulated, but which cannot now be sent here, and partly from the sale of articles which the poverty of the nations engaged will compel them to sell. More important than this, however, will be the effect of the combatants to our markets and other markets in which we compete with them for a larger share of the trade. In order to gain a foothold and to regain as rapidly as possible their former position, every possible means will be employed; wages will be lowered and profits disregarded. The subject then of our own industrial supremacy, both in the domestic and foreign markets, will have a new significance for us.

But with our European market for the most part destroyed we must enter new fields and develop new markets for our products. These must be carefully cultivated and developed. The most fruitful field for such an endeavor lies in the rich and remarkable continent to the south of us. But it will take years of study and endeavor before we can hope to capture that field and be able to call it our own. In 1914 only 5.27 per cent of our total exports went to South America.

It is true that we are today enjoying a most abundant prosperity, but in its very nature it is temporary.

TAX COLLECTIONS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Deputy Collector G. L. Peterson of Moline Will Establish Office in City Hall—Tax Rate Lower.

Emma G. Anderson, tax collector for Moline township, has appointed G. L. Peterson, real estate man with offices in the Reliance building, to collect taxes there.

Collections will not be received at his office in the Reliance building, however, but at the Moline city hall. C. V. Johnson, city clerk, has offered the use of his office to Mr. Peterson, and as the office is perfectly equipped for handling such work, Mr. Peterson has gladly accepted.

Taxes are now due and Mr. Peterson will be at the city clerk's office Monday morning to receive money. All must be in before March 20.

Tax rate for Moline this year is \$6.75. This is considerably lower than last year, when it was \$7.12. The amount to be spread there is a little more than \$440,000. This is divided as follows: School tax, state tax, county tax, municipal tax and bridge and road tax.

No tax for upkeep of city parks can be levied this year because of action of the state legislature in passing a law that such a tax cannot be made without a vote of the electorate authorizing it.

Obituary

Mrs. Joseph Davis. Mrs. Joseph Davis passed away at her home in Colona yesterday morning. The end came after a short illness.

Susie Chapman was born in Perry, Ill., in 1852. Her marriage to Joseph Davis took place in Rock Island 10 years ago. He and three children, Clarence Woods of Rock Island, Mrs. George Hoon of Springfield, Minn., and Mrs. Charles Smoke of Milan, are left to mourn. Two brothers, Charles Chapman of Denver and Charles Chapman of Moline, and three sisters are also bereaved. Sisters are Mrs. Dave Marshall of Quincy, Ill., Mrs. John Wilkins of Fremont, Ill., and Eva Chapman of Fort Smith, Ark. Funeral will be held from the home in Colona tomorrow. Burial will be in the Colona cemetery.

Fred B. Peterson Funeral. Funeral of Fred B. Peterson was held at 2 yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 4425 Sixth avenue. Rev. A. F. Bergstrom of the Swedish Lutheran church officiated, assisted by Rev. N. Nordgren. Dr. E. F. Bartholomew, vice president of Augustana college, spoke in behalf of the faculty and students of that institution. Pallbearers, former schoolmates of the deceased, were Dr. Louis Ostrom, H. E. Nyquist, Martin A. Johnson, S. H. Forsberg, Carl A. Anderson and Swan Benson. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by sorrowing friends. Burial was made in Riverside cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Marie Schnell. The funeral of Mrs. Marie Schnell was held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Father Peter Kluck was in charge of the services. Interment was in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. John Peak. Mrs. J. F. McGrath, 1227 Thirty-seventh street, today received word of the death of her niece, Mrs. John Peak, 34 years of age, at Rochester, Minn. The remains were shipped to Galesburg and will arrive there tomorrow. Mrs. Peak, whose maiden name was Mabel Slutz, was born and reared in Galesburg, and had lived there practically all of her life. She leaves her husband and a daughter Pearl.

Mrs. Christina Horn. Mrs. Christina Horn, 72 years of age, well known and respected resident of this city the past 16 years, died at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Bagley, 1521 Ninth avenue, following a short illness with a complication of ailments. She had been bedfast for two weeks. She was born in Saxony, Weimer, Germany, June 27, 1843. When she was 14 years of age she came to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where she lived one year before coming west to Geneseo. She was united in marriage there to Rev. Ferdinand Horn, who preceded her in death many years. She came to Rock Island 16 years ago to make her home with her daughter. She was an active member of the German Lutheran church.

She is survived by four children, Mrs. James Bagley and Ferd Horn and F. W. Herges of this city, and Mrs. F. Wenke of Watertown, the two latter by a former marriage. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Ph. Wilhelm officiating. Interment will be in Chippannock cemetery. The family have requested that no flowers be sent.

S. F. Wheeler. Storm F. Wheeler, engineer of the People's Savings Bank & Trust company building in Moline, died at 11:45 this morning at his home, 537 Tenth avenue, Moline, after a six months' illness with carcinoma.

He was born in Bittersfield, Mich., July 22, 1852. As a young man he went to Iowa, and many years of his life were spent there. He was married Oct. 13, 1880, his wife having been Miss Iva Pierce of Marshalltown. They resided in Iowa 25 years, and came to Moline in March, 1906. When the bank building was erected Mr. Wheeler was chosen as engineer, and he served in that capacity till illness

made it necessary for him to give up active work.

Surviving him are the widow and two daughters, Mrs. Carl Link and Mrs. Frank Lewis, both of Moline; his sister, Mrs. Florence Kirk of Norwalk, Ohio, and two grandchildren.

Private funeral services at the home will be conducted Monday afternoon, by Rev. A. G. Musson. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

John Shean. John Shean passed away yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his son, John Shean, Jr., a mile and a half southeast of Andalusia, after a week's illness with pneumonia.

Deceased was about 72 years of age and was born in Ireland. He came to this country while still a young man and located at Andalusia, where he resided here. For the past eight or ten years he had lived with his son.

He was united in marriage here to Miss Margaret O'Brien, who died 10 years ago. There survive three children: John, Jr., and Mrs. Julia Lynn, Andalusia, and Mrs. Mary Bosold, Sheridan.

SURRENDERS TO MURDER CHARGE

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Joseph A. Thomas, indicted for the murder of his wife by poison, surrendered today to the state's attorney. The accusation against him was made by the sisters of his wife, who learned, it is said, that "another woman" had entered his life.

Early this month Thomas and the other woman were married in Milwaukee. A street car accident, it was said, caused the death of his first wife, but acting on the demand of her sisters, authorities investigated and found a quantity of poison in her stomach.

To Send War Prisoners Home.

Berlin, Jan. 22. (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—"The German and French government," says the Overseas News agency today, "have agreed to set free civil prisoners in both countries who are not subject to military service. Under this agreement all men younger than seventeen years and over fifty-five will be released and sent home, also all other men unfit for military age, and all women."

Bandit Leader Deported.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 22.—Maxine Castillo, the Mexican bandit leader, was today deported to Havana by federal immigration authorities. Castillo was accused in connection with the firing of the Uambre railroad tunnel in Chihuahua, Mexico, in February, 1914, in which 21 Americans lost their lives.

Chicago Auto Show Opens.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The annual Chicago automobile show opened today. Eighty-seven makes of motor cars are represented at the exposition.

VILLAGE PHILOSOPHY.

Poor old Mexico seems bent on keeping up her bid for intervention until she gets it good and plenty.

How the well fed fellow over yonder in the trenches ought to sympathize with us poor folks who have to shovel the snow from the sidewalk before we get our morning oatmeal.

It begins to look like the progressives are bound to overtake the stand-patters and join ranks with them along about next June.

Thirty degrees below zero makes some folks wish they had waited until about now to visit the exposition.

A new bit of gossip spurs some folk to brave the icy sidewalks when nothing else would.

You can hardly expect to get much of a share of prosperity by just holding out your hand for it.

Too bad that cold snap hustled along before some folk got used to the "dry" spell.—M. G. R. in Slough City Journal.

Natural Result.

"What do you suppose will happen when women are elected to our congress?"

"Then every woman member of the house will want to be speaker."—Baltimore American.

An Exception.

"If a man has the price he can get anything he wants and the way he wants it."

"Don't know about that. There's the medium soft boiled egg."—Brownings Magazine.

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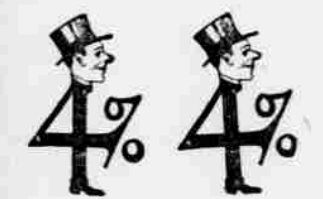


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